

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

July 29, 2010

The Honorable Howard Berman
Chairman
Committee on Foreign Affairs
U.S. House of Representatives
2170 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Berman:

It has now been exactly four weeks since the President signed the Comprehensive Iran Sanctions, Accountability, and Divestment Act of 2010 (CISADA) into law. The Iranian regime presents a clear and growing threat to the security of the United States and our close ally, Israel. For that reason, the Joint Explanatory Statement to CISADA plainly stated that the effectiveness of this Act requires immediate, forceful implementation. We therefore respectfully urge you to pressure the President to apply the law.

Earlier this week, 38 Republican House Members sent a letter to President Obama requesting that he provide Congress with a comprehensive list of the actions his Administration has taken to implement CISADA and other Iran sanctions laws on the books. In particular, the letter asked him to send Congress a report about his progress in drafting the regulations which are due not later than 90 days after the date of CISADA's enactment.

Similarly, we now request that you respond to us with a list of the actions you have taken to likewise pressure the President. During floor consideration of the Conference Report on H.R. 2194, you stated that the current President would "hopefully quite rarely [use] the enhanced standard waiver authority." We recommend that you avoid merely trusting the President's intentions, but instead verify that he is indeed acting to comply with CISADA.

We also remind you of your June 21 press statement in which you declared: "If applied forcefully by the President, this act [CISADA] will bring strong new pressure to bear on Tehran in order to combat its proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, support for international terrorism, and gross human rights abuses." Clearly, according to your own words, the success of CISADA hinges on President Obama's effective use of the authority and the means provided to him by Congress.

Furthermore, we ask you to recall your July 1 statement in which you said: "We must now focus on the pressure track, and we hope this legislation—taken together with action by the United Nations and our allies—will provide the President with the tools he needs to persuade Tehran to permanently abandon its nuclear weapons program." We agree that now is the time to "focus on the pressure track," specifically the need to influence the President. Otherwise, it is possible that the U.S. could soon face a nuclear-armed Iran.

We specifically applaud your announcement that you intend to hold a hearing this fall to "review the effectiveness of our efforts" to prevent Tehran from acquiring nuclear weapons. However, as the summer wanes, we request that you vigilantly oversee the Administration's progress in implementing sanctions, especially since your party is currently in power in both Congress and the White House.

We again respectfully request that you document how you are actively working to convince the President to implement sanctions – thereby bringing real pressure upon Iran – and communicate your specific influential actions to us. Thank you for your consideration of our request.

Sincerely,



Scott Garrett
Member of Congress



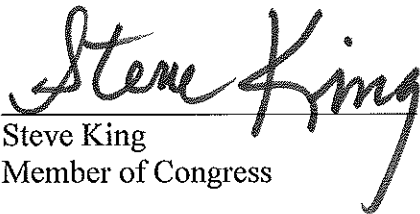
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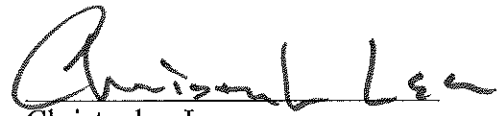
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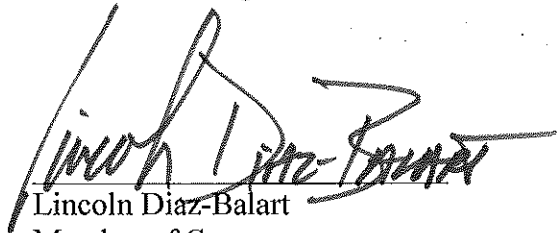
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